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**BRIBERY**

**DESTROYS THE**

**NATION**



Let us all increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* with full obedience, certainty, and sincerity. It is through fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions.

Indeed, we truly hope to  
become individuals having  
utmost *taqwa*, attaining success  
and salvation in this world and  
the Hereafter. Let us have the  
*taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu*  
*Wata 'aala*

in its truest sense and essence.  
And let us die not except in the  
state of Islam.

Let us contemplate and ponder  
upon today's *khutbah* titled,  
**“Bribery Destroys The  
Nation.”**

Allah mentions in al-Qur'an:

**“And do not consume one another's wealth unjustly or send it [in bribery] to the rulers in**

**order that [they might aid]  
you [to] consume a portion of  
the wealth of the people in sin,  
while you know [it is  
unlawful].”**

**(al-Baqarah 2:188)**

These days the Muslim *ummah* is openly exposed to bribery, which had actually existed from the time of the Prophet and continues until today.

Unfortunately it is at a highly  
critical and severe  
stage within Muslim societies.  
This phenomenon is a chronic  
social disease, akin to the



cancer that is very difficult to be  
treated, which in the end leaves  
adverse effects upon  
individuals, society, and the  
nation's administrative structure  
if effective

preventive measures are not taken from early on. This phenomenon must be given serious attention by all parties in curbing it from further spreading.

Bribery is a “gift” or “payoff” given in return for specific reasons, in attaining the intended outcome or resolution. It is a form of corruption that is despised and prohibited in Islam,

having various names such as  
'*sogokan*' (fix), '*makan suap*'  
(mouth feed), or '*tumbuk rusuk*'  
(rib punch).

The spread of bribery within the  
Muslim community today is  
nothing new for it

has long existed from previous generations.

However, the bribery of old is 'limited' and its widespread was not as bad as today, where it has become monstrous and rampant,

often overlooked and openly practiced. In Islam, bribery is *haraam* and it is a major sin, with both its giver and receiver accursed. ‘Abdullah ibn ‘Amr ibn al-‘As *radiyAllaahu ‘anhuma*

narrated: Rasulullah *sallAllahu*  
*'alayhi wasallam* said:  
**The Messenger of Allah**  
*(sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam)*  
**cursed the one**

**who offers a bribe (*ar-raashi*)  
and the one who takes it (*al-  
murtashi*).**

**(Abu Dawood, at-Tirmidhi, ibn  
Maajah, Ahmad: *saheeh*)**



Bribery is from among acts that will cause our *'ibaadah* and *du'a* to be rejected. What a loss if our *'ibaadah* and *du'a* are left in vain because of bribery. Even worse, if this heinous

practice is not further curbed from spreading, it can incur various calamities and natural disasters in our lives, as it was mentioned in al-Qur'an:

**“They have been put under  
humiliation [by Allah]  
wherever they are overtaken,  
except for a covenant  
from Allah and a rope from  
the Muslims. And they have  
drawn upon**

**themselves anger  
from Allah and have been put  
under destitution. That is  
because they disbelieved in the  
verses**

**of Allah and killed the prophets without right. That is because they disobeyed and [habitually] transgressed.”**

**(Aal-‘Imraan 3:112)**

In reality, bribery has a vast meaning, and as known it is not only confined to the financial side but also includes the abuse of power and authority that was entrusted merely for the sake

of personal or family gain, or  
certain quarters' interest.

As an example, a person that  
has the authority to select and  
grant approval for tender  
selections,

he would only approve bidders  
that would give him acceptable  
kickbacks and payoffs,  
disregarding others that are  
more eligible and qualified for  
the job.



Similarly for the one entrusted in hiring employees, he would sideline those qualified and worthy of the position, and instead gives preference to his cronies or those promising him perks and incentives.

In order for this disease to be taken seriously, we must highlight the main factors contributing to its spread.

Among them:

1- The political factor within the country with individuals rushing to accumulate wealth through the political arena, where their involvement in politics is not to uphold the

plight of the masses but rather  
to abuse their authority in  
amassing wealth and profit,  
disregarding the limits and rule  
of law.

2- The social factor within the country, where prevailing lack of knowledge and faith (religiosity) causes weakness of *imaan* with

weak and feeble moral values.

Such that, some would deem the need for luxury living as utmost priority, regardless of the *halaal* and *haraam* matters entailed.

3- The effect of lavish lifestyle and materialistic culture that is excessive, to the extent that the society freely neglects the importance of *halaal* and *haraam* in seeking their livelihood.

From the main factors mentioned, we see that they clearly pave the way for individuals to fall into bribery, leaving damaging effect to the country, causing severe moral decay within



the society, hindering positive growth and development, crippling the economy, causing the nation's wealth to be monopolized by few individuals,

which further threatens the stability of the nation, hence denying the democratic system that guarantees due rights for all.

In concluding this *khutbah*, let us take preventative measures in curbing this heinous crime, namely:

1- Strengthening our *imaan* and character, for solid *imaan* and upright

personality will provide potent defense system in fighting against bribery. When every individual reject and abhors such corrupt practice, whether

normal citizens, leaders, or government employees, then this disease can be overcome.

2- Emphasizing the topic pertaining bribery within the educational system.

The evil of this corrupt practice can be further understood and internalized if taught from early schooling period. The generation that is nurtured and taught to hate bribery

will grow to become responsible  
and trustworthy individuals,  
hence creating a bribery-free  
generation.

3- Increasing law enforcement and legislating harsher punishment so that the society will be aware of the danger and peril of bribery to the nation's well being if left unaddressed.



4- Intensify the awareness campaign regarding the corrupt practice of bribery, through both publications and broadcasting media, in conveying the

information to the masses  
regarding its danger and ill  
effects if left spreading without  
preventive actions.

**“And do not incline toward those who do wrong, lest you be touched by the Fire, and you would not have other than Allah any protectors; then you would not be helped.” (Hood 11:113)**

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَ لَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَ نَفَعَنِي  
وَ اِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنْ الْاٰيَاتِ وَ الذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ  
وَ تَقَبَّلَ مِنِّيْ وَ مِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ اِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيْعُ  
الْعَلِيْمُ. اَقُوْلُ قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَ اَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ  
لِيْ وَ لَكُمْ وَ لِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَ الْمُسْلِمَاتِ  
وَ الْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَ الْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْاَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ  
وَ الْاَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوْهُ  
اِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُوْرُ الرَّحِيْمُ

**O Allah, You are the Almighty Lord,  
we are grateful unto You for having  
bestowed upon us Mercy and  
Blessings, nourishing us to strive  
to continue in strengthening the  
Muslim nation especially the state  
of Selangor, as an advanced,  
progressive, peaceful, and  
benevolent state.**

**We beseech and beg You, Ya Allah, to strengthen our *imaan*, increase our good deeds, strengthen our unity, increase our provision, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, nourish our soul with beautiful *akhlaaq*, guide us to the Path that is Pleasing to You,**

**protect us from Your severe tribulations such as the long drought, severe flooding, disease outbreak, violence and instability, poverty, and others, so that our land will become more peaceful and blessed.**

**Oh Allah, we ask You to open up the hearts of the Muslim *ummah* especially in Selangor, to fulfill their *zakaat* obligation as You had decreed in al-Qur'an. Bless the lives of those who have fulfilled their *zakaat* obligation, loving and caring for the poor and needy.**



**Purify their wealth and soul so  
that they will live according to  
that which pleases You. Protect  
the poor and needy from  
disbelief and everlasting poverty.**

***Allaahummaa ameen***



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